



ATHENS CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AGENDA

Monday, September 9, 2024, 3:00pm

1. **Invocation** - Councilmember Pelley
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Power poles** - Vice Mayor Eaton / Matthew Gravley, Codes Enforcement Officer
4. **RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF ATHENS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION**
AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF \$200,000.00
RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL-PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND TO THE
SCHOOL FEDERAL PROJECTS FUND - Lisa Cranfill, Supervisor of Finance: Athens City Schools
5. **Tennessee Wesleyan University / Ingleside School property lease agreement**
 - a. Site Plan Diagram (Present & Future)
 - b. *"I have some comments concerning the proposed Agreement. On page 3, third paragraph I believe there should be a time period for this demolition to take place. Maybe within 10 years or less than 10. Also, in this same paragraph there should be language concerning the Tenant responsibility for the general appearance of the outside of the building until the demolition takes place and language concerning the grounds upkeep by the Tenant. On page 4, second paragraph the last sentence should be removed since this will be addressed on page 3. On page 7, third paragraph the City requires a \$1,000,000.00 liability insurance policy."*
– Interim City Manager, Mitchell Moore 9/4/2024
6. **McMinn County Living Heritage Museum acquiring North City School bell.**
 - a. Work in progress. – Chris Caldwell, City Attorney
7. **Response from MTAS concerning donating to church.**
8. **Updates for Clarke Street Drainage Project**
9. **Prohibited camping.**
 - a. Work in progress. - Chris Caldwell, City Attorney
10. **Use of playground equipment at Ingleside & North City**
 - a. *"I highly recommend that the existing playgrounds located at Ingleside and North City **not** be removed and used at another location. I believe you would be setting the city up for potential lawsuits by removing and using the old equipment at other locations. I do not believe the equipment can be removed without damage to the integrity of the material. I doubt there are replacement parts for this equipment. They very well may not meet present safety standards. If these playgrounds are now unsafe the city should remove the playground."* – Interim City Manager, Mitchell Moore 8/21/2024

11. **2024 longevity pay plan** – HR Director, Nina Edmonds
12. **2024 police vehicle purchase memorandum**
13. **FY 24/25 Tourism Funds Request Applications**
 - a. Athens Area Council for the Arts
 - Arts Education and Visual Arts Programming - \$10,000
 - b. Athens Area Council for the Arts
 - Facility Maintenance - \$10,000
 - c. Athens Area Council for the Arts
 - House Blend Concert Series - \$10,000
 - d. Athens Area Council for the Arts
 - Black Box Concert Series - \$10,000
 - e. Athens Area Council for the Arts
 - Athens Community Theatre productions - \$10,000
 - f. Friendly City Festivals
 - Moofest, Sounds of Summer, Pumpkintown - \$15,000 (\$5,000 per)
 - g. Main Street Athens
 - Interactive / Immersive Walking Tours and Activities - \$8,200
 - h. McMinn County Living Heritage Museum
 - Operation of organization - \$10,000
14. **RESOLUTION 2024-XX** (*August: New Business – still waiting on maintenance bond*)

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING ALL STREETS LOCATED IN SKY RIDGE ESTATES SUBDIVISION BUILT TO CITY STANDARDS INCLUDING EXTENSIONS OF VALLY DRIVE AND HOUSLEY DRIVE AND NAME TWO NEW STREETS ‘SKYRIDGE DRIVE AND RIDGE ESTATES DRIVE’ AND ACCEPTING SAID STREETS INTO THE STREET SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, TENNESSEE. – Community Development / Public Works
15. **RESOLUTION 2024-XX**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ATHENS, TENNESSEE, TO APPLY FOR NORFOLK SOUTHERN’S SAFETY FIRST GRANT FOR THE 2024 PROGRAM YEAR – Police Department
16. **ORDINANCE 1132 (second reading / public hearing)**

AN ORDINANCE TO UPDATE THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PROGRAM PLAN, DEVISE RULES AND REGULATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR A SAFETY DIRECTOR AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH PROGRAM PLAN FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, TENNESSEE – Human Resources Director, Nina Edmonds

17. Boards & Committees:

a. Reappointment

- i. John Proffitt – Athens Regional Planning Commission
 - Term Expires 9/21/2024
 - Email requesting reappointment 9/5/2024 10:30AM
- ii. Shawn McKeehan – Historic Preservation Commission
 - Term expires 10/1/2024
 - Email requesting reappointment 9/5/2024 12:29pm
- iii. William Houston – Historic Preservation Commission
 - Term expires 10/1/2024
 - Email requesting reappointment 9/5/2024 9:47am

b. Vacancy

- i. Council Advisory Committee (Eaton)
- ii. Council Advisory Committee (Pelley)
- iii. Council Advisory Committee (Pelley)

c. New Application

- i. Justin White – Historic Preservation Commission
 - Both expiring members are requesting reappointment, no other vacancy

d. Resignations

- i. None